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SUBJ: LA PAZ TUNGSTEN CONFERENCE

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1. IN OPENING SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN OF "TUNGSTEN PRODUCERS MEETING" (SEE REFTEL), PRESS ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS THE U.S. IS BEING BLAMED FOR "LOW PRICE" OR "RECENT PRICE DECLINE" OF TUNGSTEN. ON BASIS OF DATA AVAILABLE TO US GSA SALES GENERALLY APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN MADE WHEN TUNGSTEN PRICES WERE RELATIVELY HIGH OR RISING. NEVERTHELESS, CHARGES ARE BEING MADE THAT GSA SALES HAVE ENLARGED PRIVATE INVENTORIES, CREATING OVERHANG ON MARKET WHICH NOW DEPRESSING PRICES. CLEAR FROM CHAIRMAN ITURRALDE'S SPEECH THAT HE BLAMES LARGE GSA SALES IN 1969 AND 1970 PRICE FALL AND DEPRESSIVE EFFECT ON THE MARKET FOR SUBSEQUENT THREE YEARS.

2. THIS BAD PUBLICITY, FOLLOWING GOB INQUIRIES ABOUT POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF FURTHER 100,000 TONS OF TIN IS CREATING UNNECESSARILY BAD IMAGE FOR THE U.S.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE MATERIAL (A) TO DEFEND U.S.

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POSITION ON TUNGSTEN FOR USE WITH GOB OFFICIALS AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE AND (B) FOR POSSIBLE USE BY PRESS ATTACHE.

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